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Flood Response Update

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June 21, 2011 –

Assistant Fire Chief Dan Stolinski provided the following information on flood response activities at the daily press briefing:

- The Missouri River water elevation level is **currently at 34.49 feet** (flood stage is 29 feet). The estimates show by Saturday, June 25th, the river will be at 34.1 feet. These estimates are provided by the National Weather Service.
- Riverfront Drive continues to be closed to traffic at 600 North Riverfront Drive. However, traffic is allowed to access Rick's Boatyard Café from the South and the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge from the North.
- The channel has been completed at the Burt/Izard pumping station. Three 24" pump sets and one 30" pump set are being installed and should be operating by this evening. A total of seven pumps will be in operation at this site.
- Water pooling around the Magellan Tank yard and Nicholas Street areas are being addressed by additional pumps and the initiation of a larger pumping system.
- The nine large diameter pumps are operating in the Magellan Tank Farm area and were able to keep up with the recent rainfall.
- Planned activities for the next 24-72 hours include:
 1. 24-hour monitoring of the entire levee by the Nebraska National Guard.
 2. Dewatering the Magellan facility will continue.
 3. Installing additional large-capacity pumps and rerouting water in the area of the Burt/Izard pump station.
 4. Monitoring the areas behind the levees for any water table increases.

The Douglas County Emergency Management Agency has sponsored a website dedicated to the 2011 Missouri River Flood: www.omahaflood.org.

Residents seeking answers to flood-related questions can also call 2-1-1.

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